

Angeles. Justice Mosk was elected Attorney General in 1958 with an overwhelming million vote majority—the largest of any election that year. During his six years as the Chief Law Officer of the State of California he argued before the United States Supreme Court in the *Arizona v. California* water case and other landmark cases before the California Supreme Court. In 1961 Justice Mosk was credited with persuading the Professional Golf Association to admit African American golfers. In 1964 Justice Mosk was appointed to the California Supreme Court by Governor Pat Brown.

Justice Mosk was an astute, independent thinker whose tenure as a California Supreme Court Justice was both brilliant and controversial. As Mosk's former colleague California Chief Justice Ronald George stated correctly, "Stanley Mosk was giant in the law". He revealed that status by writing nearly 1,500 opinions while serving for 37 years, the longest tenure of any California Supreme Court Justice. Stanley Mosk continued his tireless efforts until his last day. Each year in the last decade, Justice Mosk authored more opinions than any other Supreme Court Justice. Although widely considered a liberal, he chose not to abide to any limitations on his opinions. On several occasions, Justice Mosk's decisions stunned the legal and political community.

As Justice, Mosk traveled extensively. He observed the South-West Africa case at the World Court, on behalf of the State Department. He lectured throughout Africa thereafter. Justice Mosk traveled to the Netherlands in 1970 to participate in summer sessions of The Hague Academy of International Law at the Peace Palace. Justice Mosk lectured at Universities throughout the United States as well.

Justice Mosk was valued and respected by his colleagues. He will be remembered as a passionate proponent of the will of the law. Justice Mosk was one of the most influential figures in shaping California law and his death brings a void to the bench that will not easily be filled. Justice Mosk was confirmed for a new twelve-year term in November of 1998. Sadly, he was not able to fulfill the wishes of the California people. The death of Justice Stanley Mosk is a tremendous loss to the California Supreme Court, to California, and to America's judicial system. My thoughts and prayers are with Justice Mosk's wife Kaygey, and his son Richard. We will all miss him greatly.

RICHARD HENRY LEE "DICK"  
KOPPER, 1948–2001, A JOURNALIST,  
A PRESS SECRETARY  
AND A FRIEND IS REMEMBERED

### HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, July 2, 2001 in the historical federal courthouse where a consummate young reporter named Dick Kopper gained his reputation for accuracy, integrity and style, many of his friends and admirers gathered for his memorial service. They laughed and cried together in his honor and memory.

Prominent citizens from law, government, journalism and academia came to remember

the unique life and times of a brilliant journalist, press secretary, friend and associate who loved life and who was loved by all that came to know him well. They remembered a man of unfailing honesty, of incurable curiosity and a keen sense of humor.

For more than 6 years, Dick Kopper served as my Press Secretary, but he was much, much more than that. He was a valuable resource. If I needed to find a quotation from Sir Winston Churchill or President Ronald Reagan—I would simply ask Dick. If I needed sound policy advice on a difficult decision pending before the House—I would ask Dick. Even if I needed to know where a semicolon went instead of a simple comma—I would always ask Dick. His institutional knowledge consistently amazed me.

As I said at the memorial service, if you knew Dick you would know that he loved Episcopal High School, The University of the South, The Chattanooga Times and its reporters, the Republican Party and this great nation. He read, he wrote and he ran (3 miles or so) virtually every day. He also loved to tell stories, do impersonations and he especially loved to talk politics.

Before joining my Washington staff in 1995, Dick was a reporter for The Chattanooga Times for 23 years. During the time that he covered the federal courts, many of his colleagues fondly remember Dick making his way through the courthouse—extremely tight lipped—so as not to let on to his latest story.

Dick's extensive political knowledge was also useful in the successful 1994 campaign of Senator Fred Thompson—where he served as the Tennessee Press Secretary.

Even at the end, Dick was courageous and unselfish. He knew that his illness was serious but he downplayed its effect on his life. Before going into the hospital, he worked every day and insisted to many people that if the doctors hadn't told him that he was sick, he would not have known it. He was a professional in every sense of the word. Dick's spirit was inspiring and his grace was impeccable.

He was indeed, a unique (and some might say eccentric) person, but in my opinion the world needs more folks like Dick Kopper . . . colorful and full of joy. I will miss my good friend.

IN HONOR OF DR. DOROTHY IRENE  
HEIGHT

### HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 11, 2001*

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, on July 17, the University System of Maryland Board of Regents will honor civil rights pioneer Dorothy Irene Height with the sixth annual USM Regents' Frederick Douglass Award.

Dr. Height, chair and president emerita of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) in Washington, D.C., is a legendary figure in the civil rights movement. In 1989, President Reagan acknowledged her achievements by presenting her with the Citizens Medal Award. In 1993, the NAACP awarded her its prestigious Spingarn Medal. That was followed by the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award, bestowed by President Clinton in 1994. Last August, a feature story on Dr.

Height in the Cincinnati Enquirer declared that every president since Eisenhower has called on her for advice. In their book, *The African American Century*, Cornel West and Henry Louis Gates, Jr., cited her as one of the 100 most influential African-Americans of the 20th century.

Dr. Height was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1912, but grew up near Pittsburgh in a household where volunteerism prevailed. In those days, blacks from the southern states were migrating north to jobs in the steel mills. Height's mother and father, a nurse and building contractor respectively, helped these families settle in, thus instilling in her a sense of responsibility and integrity. Dr. Height earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in educational psychology from New York University in four years and graduated in 1933—the height of the Depression. She then turned her attention to social work in New York City, later working for the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). During those years, she also was active in community service and religion, and eventually became one of the first leaders of the United Christian Youth Movement.

From her position in the church and at the YWCA in Harlem, she spanned caps between the city's impoverished ethnic groups and the government, spotlighting the plight of unemployed domestic workers for national figures such as Eleanor Roosevelt and Langston Hughes.

Dr. Height's successes did not escape notice by the leadership of the NCNW. In 1937, she was approached to conduct committee work for the organization, an affiliation of civic, education, labor, community, church, and professional institutions headquartered in Washington. By 1957, she was its president. Under the guidance of educator and NCNW founder Mary McLeod Bethune, she organized voter registration drives in the South, testified repeatedly before Congress on social issues, and worked tirelessly on the more mundane tasks of the civil rights movement, such as jobs programs and food drives. She became an international leader in the burgeoning field of humanitarianism, working closely with Martin Luther King, Jr., Roy Wilkins, and a host of other legendary leaders.

Dr. Height, who has been called the "grande dame" of the civil rights movement, has served in the leadership of dozens of organizations devoted to social change, most notably as president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority from 1947 to 1956. In 1986, she founded and organized the Black Family Reunion Celebration, a national coming together of African-American families designed to promote historic strengths and traditional values.

The Frederick Douglass Award will be presented to Dr. Height at Westminster Hall, in Baltimore, adjacent to the University of Maryland School of Law. Those in attendance will include Maryland Governor Parris N. Glendening, USM Board of Regents Chairman Nathan A. Chapman, Leronia A. Josey, member of the USM Board of Regents, Thelma T. Daley, past national president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, and USM Chancellor Donald N. Langenberg. Frederick Douglass IV, professor at Morgan State University and a direct descendant of Douglass, will provide a dramatic reading from the latter's work. David J. Ramsay, president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, will welcome the audience.